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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--30 DECEMBER 1963

1. CYPRUS:

A. SPORADIC INCIDENTS CONTINUE IN NICOSIA AND ELSEWHERE, BUT THE SITUATION REMAINS GENERALLY QUIET.

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C. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH, GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES HAVE NOW BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER IN A POLITICAL LIAISON COMMITTEE. DUNCAN SANDYS HAS PROPOSED A SEVEN-POINT PEACE PLAN TO THE COMMITTEE INCLUDING CREATION OF A NEUTRAL ZONE.

D. BOTH ETHNIC COMMUNITIES DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE.

E. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, WHO EXPECTS TO BE BACKED BY ATHENS, CONTINUES TO CALL FOR REVISING THE "UNWORKABLE" CONSTITUTION, WHILE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WITH ANKARA'S SUPPORT, HAVE REVIVED THEIR DEMANDS FOR PARTITION OF THE ISLAND.

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2. ETHIOPIA-KENYA:

A. ETHIOPIA AND KENYA APPARENTLY ARE PUTTING TEETH INTO LAST JULY'S MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT, WHICH WAS AIMED AT CONTAINING SOMALI INSURGENCY IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

B. AN ETHIOPIAN MISSION INCLUDING SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS LEFT FOR NAIROBI ON 28 DECEMBER, AND

A BATTALION OF
TROOPS MAY SOON BE SENT TO KENYA.

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C. THE SOMALI REPUBLIC, WHICH RECENTLY STRENGTHENED ITS FORCES NEAR THE KENYA BORDER, MAY STEP UP SUPPORT TO THE INSURGENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WHEN IT HEARS OF THESE MOVES.

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3. COMMUNIST CHINA - MEXICO:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA HAS PLACED A \$28 MILLION ORDER FOR 200,000 BALES OF MEXICAN COTTON FOR DELIVERY DURING 1964, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHINESE OFFICIALS VISITING MEXICO.

B. THIS CONTRACT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF MEXICO'S ANTICIPATED 1964 COTTON EXPORTS. ASIDE FROM CHINA'S 1963 PURCHASES OF WHEAT--ABOUT \$18 MILLION--SINO-MEXICAN TRADE HAS BEEN INSIGNIFICANT.

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4. USSR-EGYPT

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5. ITALY-FRANCE: PRESIDENT SEGNI WILL MAKE A STATE VISIT TO PARIS FEBRUARY 19-22. PRESS REPORTS FROM PARIS THIS MORNING SAY DE GAULLE ALSO HOPES TO MEET WITH ERHARD IN FEBRUARY.

6. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV HAS GIVEN UPI CORRESPONDENT HENRY SHAPIRO A STATEMENT ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON "PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN 1964." WHILE THE TEXT WE HAVE CONTAINS NO NEW PROPOSALS, THE TONE CONTINUES TO BE FRIENDLY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

7. GREECE: FINANCIER JOHN PARASKEVOPOULOS HAS BEEN ASKED TO FORM A CARETAKER CABINET. THE NEW NATIONAL ELECTION WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

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